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2001 Assembly Bill 415	Assembly Amendment 1
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Current Law

Under the current statutes, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) issues trapping licenses only to residents of this state. There are certain exceptions to this rule, including individuals who held state trapping licenses prior to May 12, 1992, and farmers.

2001 Assembly Bill 415

The bill creates a nonresident trapping license. The nonresident must complete a trapper education course in this state or a similar course in another state, and pay the license fee. The bill establishes a nonresident trapping license fee of \$149.25, compared with a resident fee of \$17.25.

Assembly Amendment 1

In addition to the requirements established in the bill, as described above, Assembly Amendment 1 provides that a nonresident who applies for a nonresident trapping license in Wisconsin may only obtain the license if that person resides in a state that allows nonresidents to trap within that state.

Assembly Amendment 1 was recommended for adoption on September 26, 2001, by the Committee on Natural Resources by a vote of Ayes, 12, Noes, 0. The Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1 on a voice vote on October 30, 2001 and passed Assembly Bill 415, as amended, on a voice vote on November 1, 2001.

Senate Amendment 1

Senate Amendment 1 specifies that, if the DNR establishes regulations that restrict the trapping of bobcats, fishers or otters, the DNR may do any of the following: (1) impose greater or stricter

limitations on trapping by nonresidents than by residents; or (2) give greater preferences to residents over nonresidents in issuing permits.

Senate Amendment 1 also changes the bill's effective date from the first day of the sixth month beginning after publication to March 10, 2003.

On February 13, 2002, the Senate Committee on Environmental Resources recommended adoption of Senate Amendment 1 by a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0, and concurrence in Assembly Bill 415, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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